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TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED" ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka J. W. Harrison		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY dzw
		CHARACTER OF CASE UPUC	

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The title is marked changed to add UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka J. W. Harrison as subject.

REFERENCES Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/10/60 at Salt Lake City.

Bureau airtel to Salt Lake City dated 12/8/60.

Salt Lake City airtel to Los Angeles dated 12/17/60 (Interoffice)

Miami airtel to Bureau dated 12/14/60.

Miami airtel to Salt Lake City dated 12/16/60 (Interoffice).

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LEADSCHICAGO DIVISION (INFORMATION)

One copy is being furnished Chicago since investigation may be requested of that Division.

APPROVED [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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NEW YORK DIVISION

Immediately furnish results of your investigation in order matter can be presented to U. S. Attorney.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Immediately furnish results of investigation requested in Miami airtel to Bureau dated 12/14/60. Bureau has instructed that leads be handled promptly.

SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Upon receipt of all outstanding investigation present facts to U. S. Attorney, Las Vegas.

Continue to attempt to develop facts which might indicate identity of person at Riviera Hotel with BALLETTI who used name J. W. HARRISON.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1- USA, Reno

Copy to:

Report of:

12/30/60

Salt Lake City, Utah

Date:

Office:

Salt Lake City 139-17

Field Office File #:

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Title:

ARTEUR JAMES BALLETTI;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka J. W. Harrison

Character:

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION AND
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis: BALLETTI charged by State of Nevada with three counts--invasion of privacy, a felony, other two charges misdemeanors--for alleged "recording of telephone conversations" of DAN ROWAN and PHYLISS MC GUIRE. All items seized at time of arrest of BALLETTI except two cameras will be retained by Clark County Sheriff's Office until conclusion of trial of BALLETTI. BALLETTI on interview denies monitoring telephone conversation and claims individual who traveled to Las Vegas with him used name HARRISON and actual identity unknown to BALLETTI. AUSA, Las Vegas, desires results of all investigation prior to rendering opinion and advised facts will probably be presented to Federal Grand Jury, at Las Vegas. ~

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DETAILS:

By communication dated December 17, 1960, the Los Angeles and New York Divisions were requested to interview DAN ROWAN and PHYLISS MC GUIRE, parties to the telephone calls which were allegedly intercepted. ~

By communication dated December 14, 1960, the Miami Division advised Former Special Agent EDWARD DU BOIS, who is head of Investigations, Inc., Miami, on interview says he received a phone call October 25, 1960, from WALTER FITZPATRICK, representing ROBERT MAHEU, a private

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investigator at 1125 19th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. FITZPATRICK wanted DU BOIS to send two men to Las Vegas for surveillance work, purpose not explained. DU BOIS purchased tickets in the name of DICK HUNTER and FRED T. HARRIS, both of whom are former Special Agents and employees of DU BOIS. DU BOIS received subsequent call either from FITZPATRICK or from ROBERT MAHEU in Los Angeles advising DU BOIS to send only one man to Las Vegas. The caller instructed that a second man had been hired and would be at the Eastern Airlines information window, Miami International Airport. DU BOIS then sent BALLETTI to Las Vegas, and he was accompanied by the man hired by MAHEU, who identified himself as J. W. HARRISON. U

BALLETTI, on interview at Miami, denies monitoring any phone conversations and can furnish no background information regarding HARRISON. He says HARRISON was traveling on a ticket of FRED T. HARRIS and for this reason the Las Vegas Sheriff's Office erroneously assumed HARRISON was HARRIS. U

BALLETTI described J. W. HARRISON as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	50
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Brown, balding

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[redacted]
Clark County Sheriff's Office, advised on December 12, 1960, that ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, who was arrested on October 31, 1960, had been released on the same date on \$2,000.00 bond. He advised that BALLETTI has been charged with (1) Invasion of Privacy, a felony; (2) Possession of burglary tools, a misdemeanor; and (3) Operating as a Private Detective without a license, a misdemeanor. Preliminary hearing on these charges has been set for April 24, 1961, in Justice of the Peace Court, Las Vegas. u

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b7D { [redacted] stated that all articles obtained at the time of arrest of BALLETTI had been booked in by the Sheriff's Office as evidence and would be retained by that department until conclusion of the trial of BALLETTI on the above listed state charges. He stated that the only items not retained by the Sheriff's Office was the Minox camera and thirty-five millimeter camera. u

[redacted] stated that the Minifon recorder contains one partially used roll of wire which contains what is possibly a recording of a telephone call. u

[redacted] also advised that his department has part of an interview with BALLETTI recorded on tape which will be retained until conclusion of state charges against BALLETTI. u


[redacted] advised that film in the Minox camera had been developed and among other pictures were two photos of a person who appeared to be DAN ROWAN on a golf course. u

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b7c by SA [redacted] dzw Date dictated 12/22/60

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 Trans World Airlines, Las Vegas, advised that records of that company reflect that one F. T. HARRIS departed Las Vegas on Trans World Airlines Flight 292 at 10:30 AM on October 30, 1960, to St. Louis, Missouri, where he made connections with Trans World Airlines Flight 76 to Miami, Florida. Reservations were made around 12:00 PM on October 29, 1960, and Las Vegas contact given by person making reservations was Room 331, Riviera Hotel.

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b7d { [REDACTED] Riviera Hotel, was contacted, and nine photographs, including a photograph of FRED T. HARRIS, were exhibited. He advised that he could not identify anyone whose photo had been exhibited as being identical with the individual who checked into the hotel on October 26, 1960, under the name J. W. HARRISON. u

[REDACTED] stated that he did not think he would recognize either DALLETTI or HARRISON if he should see them in person. u

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On December 21, 1960, [REDACTED] Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, furnished the following list of articles in possession of ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI at the time of his arrest by the Clark County Sheriff's Office on October 31, 1960, at Las Vegas, Nevada:

One ALL-FM Sony transistor radio, serial number 1943, found next to dresser in Room 331.

One telephone bug transmittor, recovered from behind the bed in Room 223.

One yellow pad recovered from dresser, Room 331.

Recovered from a blue Travel-Joy suitcase in Room 331

Seventeen lock picks in brown leather case

One General transistor 6, type 66770

One roll of blue wire

One ear phone

Two telephone bug devices

One green leather case containing two wall type room bugs, one phone jack with ear plugs.

One three way socket

One roll copper wire

One Prontona battery charger, NF55D

One roll of mastic tape

One roll of black friction tape

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One transistor ear plug
One Roger Slide cigarette case containing a miniture transmittc
One brown extension cord
One black two-jack wire
One tube of "goo" all-purpose adhesive
One black two-jack wire
One red two-jack wire
One pocket type flash light
One white wire with two alligator clips
One Mallory Mercury transistor battery
One one eighth inch screw driver
One cloth tape measure
One Beach Tower room key, Miami Beach
One large screw driver, yellow handle
One booster tube
One six inch metal ruler
One two pointed needle-nosed punch
One Minox camera and brown case
Two 8.4 Everready transistor radio batteries
One wall Micro phone
One Kodak Tri-x 35 mm 20 exposure film
Two rolls of 24 one fourth pound wire
One Minox film

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Two rolls 2-strand gray speaker wire

One small piece of red speaker wire

One piece of speaker wire containing alligator clip on one end, jack on other

One Krauter electrical pliers

One adjustable wrench

One small metal wire

One radio screw driver

One paint brush

One small screw driver

Seventeen door shims, plastic

Two transistor radio batteries, Mallory TR 146R 9 volt

One Minifon battery 12 volt

Five Mallory Mercury transistor radio batteries, 7.5 volt TR 145R

One roll SL 120 minifon wire

One Gem razor blade

One Dutch master cigar box

Five business cards from Investigator's Inc., 412 Ainsley Building, Miami 32, Florida, telephone FR -14751.

One Herald battery tester

One Minifon tape recorder, serial 929724, containing one partially used roll of wire

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[REDACTED] Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that records of that hotel, Registration Card No. 192589, reflects that DAN ROWAN, [REDACTED] checked into the Riviera Hotel on October 26, 1960, and checked out on November 10, 1960. He was assigned Room 223. u

[REDACTED] record of long distance calls made by ROWAN, Room 223:

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TICKET NUMBER	DATE	NUMBER CALLED	TIME	MINUTE TALKED
[REDACTED]				

[REDACTED] most of the calls had, apparently, been made by DAN ROWAN of the team of Martin and Rowan, to PHYLISS MC GUIRE of the Mc Guire Sisters singing act. u

[REDACTED] stated that Riviera Hotel Registration Card No. 192583 reflects that one ARTHUR J. BALLETTI, Kenmore Street, Los Angeles, California, had checked into that hotel at 5:35 PM on October 26, 1960, and was assigned to Room 331. He checked out at about 9:32 AM on November 1, 1960. This card bears the notation "in room with HARRISON." The records reflect that he was charged for six local calls, numbers called not available. u

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[redacted] stated that Riviera Hotel Registration Card No. 192650 reflects that J. W. HARRISON, 214 West Water Street, San Francisco, California, checked in at 5:35 PM on October 26, 1960. He was first assigned to Room 333, but was subsequently moved to Room 331 with BALLETTI. No date was shown for checkout. ✓

[redacted] stated he did not see the person who checked in using the name of HARRISON. [redacted] stated that [redacted] checked in both BALLETTI and HARRISON. ✓

[redacted] stated that it is his normal procedure when a hotel bill amounts to an excess of \$100.00, if the person is not known or has not established credit, to call on a hotel guest for payment on the hotel bill. The guests in Room 331 had not paid anything on their bill which by October 31, 1960, had exceeded \$100.00. [redacted] ✓

[redacted] and [redacted] went to Room 331 and no one was in the room. [redacted] and [redacted] entered the room to ascertain if the guests had skipped. [redacted] observed a yellow pad in the room with a notation of time, and date which referred to DAN ROWAN. [redacted] looked around the room and in a top desk drawer observed what appeared to him to be a recording device. ✓

[redacted] and [redacted] left the room having gone there around 11:00 AM. [redacted] left word with the maid to notify him when the guests returned. [redacted] was notified and with [redacted] they returned to Room 331 about 1:00 PM. ✓

[redacted] asked BALLETTI about the bill and BALLETTI stated it would be paid and that he would stay a few more days. He had bandages on both hands, and [redacted] asked about the bandages. BALLETTI had seen the hotel doctor, a [redacted] and he had a skin allergy. ✓

[redacted] asked for identification, and BALLETTI exhibited some type of identification not now recalled by [redacted] either an American Express or Diners Club Credit Card. When the card was exhibited, BALLETTI held his finger over the address. ✓

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BALLETTI told [REDACTED] he had money in the casino cashier's cage. [REDACTED] later checked the cage, and ascertained that BALLETTI did have an envelope there, but [REDACTED] did not ascertain its contents. U

[REDACTED] advised he notified the Clark County Sheriff's Office that he had observed what appeared to be a recording device in BALLETTI's room and suspected that in view of the fact he had observed the notation on the pad of the name of ROWAN, that a listening device might be installed in ROWAN's room. U

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67D { After an unsuccessful attempt to locate ROWAN, [REDACTED] accompanied Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] and another unrecalled deputy into ROWAN's room. [REDACTED] observed what appeared to be some type of microphone taped to the rear headboard on the bed in ROWAN's room with wires running to the telephone wall box. [REDACTED] observed the deputy sheriff remove the article from the headboard. U

Around 4:00 PM on October 31, 1960, DAN ROWAN returned to the hotel and was instructed by [REDACTED] to contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

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This matter was discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney RAYMOND SUTTON, Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 22, 1960, and he advised that he desired to have the results of full investigation prior to rendering a prosecutive opinion. Mr. SUTTON stated, however, that upon receipt of results of full investigation, he would in all probability present the matter to the next Federal Grand Jury which meets in Las Vegas.